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TAGS: BEXP, EAIR, UV

SUBJ: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 0008 (NOTAL)

1. COLONEL ROBERTSON OF PAAI IS STILL IN OUAGADOUGOU
AND HAS NOT YET RECEIVED LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL IN SPITE OF CALL I MADE ON
PRESIDENT WITH ROBERTSON MORNING JANUARY 6.

2. DURING OUR CALL, PRESIDENT COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN
BADLY BRIEFED ON PAAI PROJECT AND THAT HE WAS CALLING A
MEETING OF ALL THE MINISTERS CONCERNED FOR THAT SAME AFTER-
NOON. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD NEED FOR PROMPT DECISION
IN VIEW OF DEADLINE SET BY UK GOVERNMENT FOR PURCHASE OF
BELFAST AIRCRAFT. HE STATED THAT HIS DIRECTOR OF CABINET
WOULD CALL ROBERTSON LATER IN THE EVENING. ROBERTSON HAS
HEARD NOTHING FROM THE PRESIDENCY SINCE THEN WHICH IS NOT
TOO SURPRISING SINCE PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS BEEN IN
MIDDLE OF DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FORMATION
OF A NEW GOVERNMENT WHOSE COMPOSITION MAY BE ANNOUNCED
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TODAY.

3. ON JANUARY 10, I CALLED FINANCE MINISTER KALMOGO
WHO SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT
THE PRESIDENT WOULD SIGN THE LETTER TO BADEA REQUESTING
\$10 MILLION LOAN UNTIL THE WHOLE PAAI PROJECT HAD
BEEN "RATIFIED" BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE SAID

THIS COULD NOT BE DONE UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORMED AND THE NEW MINISTERS HAD BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON THE PROJECT. HE ADDED THAT THE MINISTERS CONCERNED IN THE OLD GOVERNMENT WERE GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF THE PAAI PROJECT.

4. DESPITE KALMOGO'S REMARKS, ROBERTSON IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN EITHER THE LETTER TO BADEA OR A TELEGRAM TO THE UK GOVERNMENT ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE JANUARY 17 DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT FOR THE BELFAST AIRCRAFT. THE CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL INFLUENTIAL VOLTANS ARE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENE ON PAAI'S BEHALF. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT KALMOGO IS RIGHT AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN NOTHING UNTIL HE HAD THE BACKING OF HIS NEW MINISTERS.

5. RATHER THAN GO THROUGH A LEGAL BATTLE WITH PAAI AND EVENTUALLY ANOTHER LENTHY BIDDING PROCESS, THE UK GOVERNMENT MAY WELL BE AMENABLE TO ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF THE BELFAST AIRCRAFT. ROBERTSON IS CONSIDERING ASKING FOR THIS POSTPONEMENT ON HIS OWN IF THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT DO SO HIMSELF. HE IS ALSO THINKING OF ASKING FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON.
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